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Dear Sir:

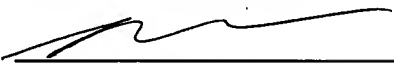
Applicant hereby petitions that the instant application be withdrawn from issue so that the Patent Office may consider the enclosed Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114 and accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

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